



Docket No.: 826.1641

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Masahira DEGUCHI

Serial No. 09/731,799

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No. 7224

Filed: December 8, 2000

Examiner: Thomas H. Stevens

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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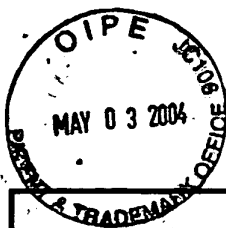
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on May 3, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.



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**REPLY/AMENDMENT
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

Attorney Docket No. 826.1641

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First Named Inventor Masahira DEGUCHI

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED

0.00

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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 4 =	0	X \$ 86.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of May 3, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 0.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 0.00

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(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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☐ Check enclosed as payment.

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☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:

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☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Typed Name J. Randall Beckers

Reg. No. 30,358

Signature

Date

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